

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden  
President of the United States  
White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.  
NW. Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden,

I write to renew my request for a National Day of Remembrance on behalf of the victims and survivors of the terrorist attack at Naval Air Station Pensacola (NASP) on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

In a letter dated May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022, cosigned by my colleague Representative Neal Dunn, I requested that you utilize your authority as President to order all federal buildings to lower the U.S. Flag and subsequent flags (POW/MIA or military organizational flags) to half-staff.<sup>1</sup> This would provide recognition and support to the victims of an Al Qaeda-inspired attack that took the lives of Ensign Joshua Kaleb Watson, Airman Apprentice Cameron Scott Walters, and Airman Mohammed Sameh Haitham and wounded many others at NASP.

As we approach the anniversary of the terrorist attack, my constituents, the military community, and everyone impacted by acts of terrorism perpetrated on U.S. soil and abroad would greatly appreciate a National Day of Remembrance.

Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Matt Gaetz  
Member of Congress

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<sup>1</sup> [Biden Letter NAS Pensacola.png \(1266×1578\) \(house.gov\)](#)